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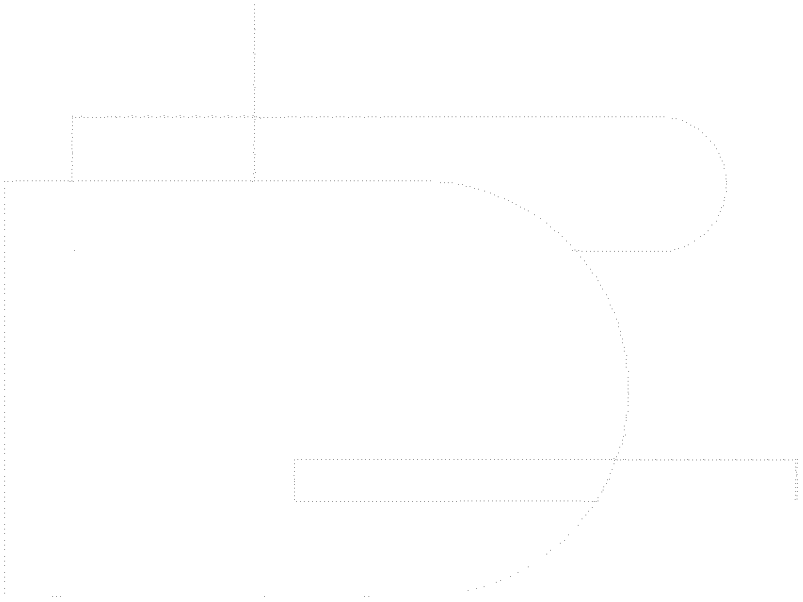

Also, bear in mind that colored glass recipes are not the only ones that may have toxics: lead is used to add brilliance, radiation shielding (TVs, microwave ovens, technical glass, etc.), and expansion/contraction without shattering. Arsenic is a fining agent. Neither of these add color to the glass

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Hi, Anne, Susan and Stef. Hope all is well. I don't know if you have heard about the colored glass manufacturer in Portland that DEQ discovered a cadmium hotspot around the facility. In the course of investigations, we discovered that the facility uses Cr+6 as a dry colorant for the glass. Ambient monitoring showed an average of 71.5 ng/m3 of total chromium. I don't know if Katie McClintock, the R10 enforcement contact has asked you for this information yet. If you can point us towards someone, we would really appreciate it. The company uses both Cr+3 and Cr+6, as well as cadmium and arsenic. In the next round of monitoring, the ODEQ will be monitoring for Cr+6 at the day care center, which is 220 meters from the facility. A cadmium hotspot was also detected close to the Harriet Tubman School. A much smaller colored glass mfg facility is close by.

- Katie McClintock did a cursory search for information on the conversion of trivalent chromium to hexavalent chromium and found little information, all of which was talking about smelting and coating. The research confirmed that the use of trivalent chromium alone can still produce hexavalent chromium, but found little data on the conversion rate under various circumstances. We need to develop or find an expert who can read more literature and help interpret the data we find in stack tests and ambient monitoring.

Thanks!

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